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Requirements on [REDACTED] From: Salekhard

The port of Salekhard, on the Ob River at the eastern terminus of a spur line running from the Kotlas-Vorkuta rail line is located in an area strongly suspected of guided missile activity. This rail supported area on the northern periphery of the Soviet Union is well suited for the deployment of mobile ICBM launch site facilities. I/OM has a continuing interest in any information about this relatively inaccessible port about which little is known. All information is of assistance in determining the missile support capacity of the area.

The following specific information is required of source:

1. Port Facilities. When was the port built? Has there been any expansion of facilities? What types of ships can the port handle? During what periods of the year?

2. Water Traffic. What ships (names) used the port? What types of ship were they? How frequently did they call at the port? What was their purpose? Cargo? What were their ports of origin and destination? Ask source to distinguish between Ob River traffic and Northern Sea Route traffic in answering the above questions. Can source estimate the quantities of cargo transported through the port?

3. Rail Traffic. What does source know about the construction of the railroad bridge over the Ob between Labytnangi and Salekhard? If it is not completed, what attempts have been made and when?

4. Ferry Traffic. What is the nature of the ferry traffic over the Ob between Labytnangi and Salekhard? What type of cargo is ferried? How often? What kind of control is exerted over the ferry traffic? Who exercises the control? What are the limitations on the use of the ferry system by private individuals? Is the ferry inoperative during certain periods? How is transit of the river managed?

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5. Road Traffic. Any information on the location, status, type and capacity of roads is needed? Does he know the dates of construction of any roads? How often do the roads need repair? What kinds of trucks are used at Salekhard? Is there a central motor pool? Are the trucks subordinate to a particular authority?


6. Any information about the airfield and air traffic at Labytnangi?

7. What RR lines in the area does source know of? Does source know of any rail construction in the area? Has source heard anything of a rail line from Vorkuta to Anderna? From Abas, East or West?

8. What was the purpose of source's trips out of Salekhard? To which ports did he travel? How often? We would like the same information for as many Northern Sea Route locations as was specified in the earlier questions on Salekhard.

9. Does source know of any military construction activity at Salekhard or along the sea route? Dates, location status of construction, and description of facility are desired. Any information about projects where special security measures were enforced is especially needed.

10. Does source know the names of any military personnel in the area? The rank, branch of service, unit designation, subordination, and uniform description are required for any military personnel in the area. The dates and size of any troop movements are requested. All available information is also requested on any civilians engaged in high priority, secure construction activity. The location and description of military unit areas is required.

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